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Part	Section	Title	Policy No.	Review Date
Health Services	Prostheses and Orthodontic Devices	Orthoses, Prostheses, and Other Aids to Impairment	4.5.22	
<b>ACA Standard</b>	3-ALDF-4E-29 Medical and Dental Prostheses are Provided			
<b>Consent Decree</b>	Paragraph 54 Develop Facility Policies and Procedures			

**I. PURPOSE**

To ensure adequate diagnostic care, treatment and provision of equipment and supplies as medically necessary.

**II. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections (DOC) to assure and assist inmates/detainees with health care needs as determined by the Medical Director at the time of admission, Health Assessment or at any time that a need is demonstrated. Such items might include eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids, canes, walkers, crutches or other equipment to deal with special mobility problems.

**III. PROCEDURES**
**A. Health Assessment**

1. During the Health Assessment, a Snellen Vision test will be performed. If the test result is 20/40 or worse, the nurse will make an appointment with the service provider for additional diagnostic evaluation. If the inmate returns with a prescription for eyeglasses, arrangements will be made to procure the eye glasses if funding is available.
2. Orthopedic supplies will be obtained from local vendors as required.
3. If a deficit in hearing exists, the inmate will be referred to the Audiologist at the Commonwealth Health Center for additional diagnostic evaluation.

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